declared on this basis. They are decided on certain fundamental issues.

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: The middle portion is missing, that is my main concern. The national highway is not complete till the middle portion is completed.

SHRI BANSI LAL: I cannot help it:

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please say, at least, that you will look into it.

SHRI BANSI LAL: Then it becomes a promise or assurance.

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA: My plea is that it should be provided.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You must be chivalrous. What is this?

SHRI BANSI LAL: Well, I cannot help it.

श्री बी० सत्य नारायण रेड्डी : मन्त्री जी मैंने जो जवाब दिया है, उसमें जो लिस्ट दी है जो रोड्स नेशनल हाइवे में इन्क्लूड किये गये हैं उस के बारे में मैं मन्त्री महोदय का ध्यान दिलाऊंगा । आन्ध्र प्रदेश एक बहुत बडा स्टेट है, उस में यह कोई जिक्र है कि वहा कोई नेशनल हाइवे को बढ़ाने या सुधारने को इसमें इन्क्लूड किया गया है इसकी क्या बजह है ? कितनी लेंथ ऐसी है जो नेशनल हाइवें में इन्क्लूड करने के काबिल है जिसको इन्क्लूड नहीं किया गया, इसकी क्या वजह है इसको क्यों नहीं इन्कलूड किया गया है ?

श्री बंसी लाल : सभापति महोदय, नेशनल हाइवे स्टेटवाइज डिक्लेयर नहीं किये जाते हैं । नेशनल हाइवेज जरूरत के मुताबिक डिक्लेयर किये जाते हैं ।

SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Sir, Pondicherry because of its proximity to Madras and because of several world-famous institutes and having a port in the southern part of the country is very important. The link road from Pondicherry to Velupuram is in a very bad shape. This is a small road of only 40 kms, according to the statement of the hon. Minister....

MR. CHAIRMAN: In item No. 8 it is provided.

SHRI P. BABUL REDDY: As per the expert committee's opinion, according to the size of Andhra Pradesh State, there should be a national highway upto the extent of 5300 Kms but the present highways are only about 3000 Kms. Is the Government having any plans immediately to augment the length of the national highway in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI BANSI LAL: No Sir.

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने आपके मंत्रालय को उस आशय में कुछ लिखा है कि उत्तर प्रदेश की कुछ सड़कों को राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग घोषित करें और उनको आप अपने इन्जाम में ले लें क्योंकि उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार उनका ठीक से रखरखाव नहीं कर पा रही है ?

श्री बंसी लाल : जनाब, कई स्टेटों ने लिखा है जिसमे उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने भी लिखा है मगर हमारे पास पैसे की कमी है इसलिए हम नये नेशनल हाइवे ले नहीं सकते हैं ।

Legislation to bring all the Universities under central control

*329. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate legislation to bring all the universities in the country under unified control of the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) There is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: The hon. Minister has given a very simple answer as 'No' but the the matter is not as simple as to say 'No'. We know the tendency of the Government towards centralisation of power in all spheres, including education. It is obvious even in the document 'Challenge of Education'. That is why the demand from all States is about restructuring of Centre-State relations on the basis of federal principles and that is the background of Sarkaria Commission. Our apprehension is that the Centre may extend its control over all the States more and more. It is quite obvious from the fact that one and a half years before when the Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill came here, the Central Government said: Wait; we have a plan of introducing one comprehensive Central guideline for all the universities. So, may I know from the hon. Minister whether that idea has now been given up completely. Secondly, what is the reason behind the delay in grant of President's assent to Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: The idea has not been given up. It is essentially a sound idea. There may be differences of opinion. We are contemplating it; we are considering it. It is at that stage; but it has not been given up for good. At the same time there is no concrete proposal of that kind at the moment. That is what the answer says.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Sir, my second question has not been answered. What is the reason behind the delay in granting President's assent to the Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill? My second supplementary is, whether the Government will reconsider the question of bringing back education to the State List from the Concurrent List where it was brought in during 1975 Emergency period? This was something abnormal. Will the Government reconsider this question?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Sir, as far as the latter part of the question is concerned, the answer is 'No'. About the first part, we are aware of the problem of the Calcutta University and there is a strong pressure on us to intervene. But we hope, it will not be necessary. I hope, the State Government and Members of the Opposition will also co-operate with us so that the University can function smoothly which is also our concern.

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: What about the Calcutta University (Amendment) Bill?

SHRI K. MOHANAN: The functioning of the University is another thing. That they will do (*Interruptions*)

SRHI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: I would only like to say that the functioning in regard to a particular university does not arise from the main question. If she wants the information, we will certainly give the information to her. If she puts a separate question, we will answer the question.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, I wonder whether the Minister has taken cover under the word 'all'. The question was, whether the Government propose to initiate legislation to bring all the universities in the country.... I, therefore, reformulate the question by asking whether the Government propose to initiate legislation to bring any of the universities in the country, apart from the Central universities, under the unified control of the Central Government?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is there any proposal?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: The answer is the same.

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Sir, while the Minister was answering, he said that this is a sound proposal, that it has neither been given up nor was there any concrete proposal in this regard. I would like to ask the Minister to enunciate the philosophy

of soundness of the proposal of enacting a legislation to cover all the universities in the country. Does it mean that he is having a philosophy which would mean taking away a subject, which is now under both the State Governments and the Central Government, and bring it exclusively under the Union Government?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question should be directed towards any particular act or negligence on the part of the Government. There cannot be questions on philosophy.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Sir, the Minister has stated that there is no control of Central Government over the various universities. I would like to know specifically, other than the Central universities, whether the Government of India is interfering with the appointment of University Vice-Chancellors and the period of Senate members?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Does not arise.

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: Sir, there was a case in Madras, the Bharatidasan University, where the Central Government interfered. This is in the Concurrent List. The Government of India is interfering in regard to the term of Senate members.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is about legislation to bring all the universities in the country under the unified control of the Central Government. Not allowed. Next question.

Cochin-Madurai Railway Project Survey report

*330. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:†
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cochin-Madurai railway project Survey Report has been submitted;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the report; and

(c) if the answer to (a) above be in the negative, by when it is likely to be submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Survey Report is likely to be submitted by the Railway Administration to the Railway Board by middle of 1986.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Government has succeeded in suppressing the voice of the Opposition. The papers connected with the question are locked up in our Parliamentary party office room. Hence, I am not in a position to put any supplementaries.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have got such a stentorian voice.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: But the papers connected with this question are locked up in our party office room.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No supplementaries?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: I am not in a position to put supplementaries.

Functioning of the National Archives of India.

*331. SHRI L. GANESAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that research scholars are dissatisfied with the facilities available in the National Archives of India;

(b) if so how many complaints have been received in this regard during the last three years;

(c) whether it is fact that zerox machines seldom work in the National Archives;

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri V. Gopalsamy.